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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

DHIRU R. PATEL

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

***Claim Objections***

2. Claims 1-12 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1 line 1, "A fluid- tight, especially an oil tight cable duct with". The examiner suggests change to " A fluid-tight and an oil tight cable duct comprising:" Instead of improved clarity.

In claim 1 line 3, insert - - the - - after which.

In claim 1 line 7, insert - - said - - after which.

In claim 1 line 8, insert - - the - - after which.

In claim 1 line 9, insert - - said - - after which.

In claim 1 line 11, replace " a portion " with - - said portion - - .

**Note: use claim 1, as guide line to incorporate changes in the claims as suggested by examiner for remaining dependents claims.**

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1-12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection, set forth in this Office action.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The primary reasons for the indication of the allowability of claims 1-12 are the inclusion therein, in combination as currently claimed, of the limitation of the conductors each consist of two conductor sections which said sections are connected with one another by an

electrical conducting connecting piece which said piece along at least a portion of its length has a solid cross section.

The previously listed limitation is neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

***Other prior art cited***

108 43. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Oakes, Matsui et al, Takedomi et al, Weyl et al, Yamanashi, Buekers et al disclose a duct similar to applicants claimed invention.

**Contact Information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DHIRU R. PATEL whose telephone number is 571-272-1983. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH, 6:30 TO 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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